RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1,116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 1648** Due Date: October 25, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Ulrich Schubert et al

Examiner:

Mary Mosher

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Title:

SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR) OF

HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE

UTILIZATION THEREOF

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, which was made final, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application. Because October 25, 2003, fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on the next business day, Monday, October 27, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 5.

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